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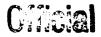
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For: PRESENTATION OF IMAGES RESEMBLING EACH OTHER

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claims 1, 9, 17 and 18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of displaying images that resemble each other, comprising the steps of:

extracting image features from images;

dividing a feature space of the image features into sub-spaces having a hierarchical structure;

generating a tree structure having the sub-spaces as nodes thereof;

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